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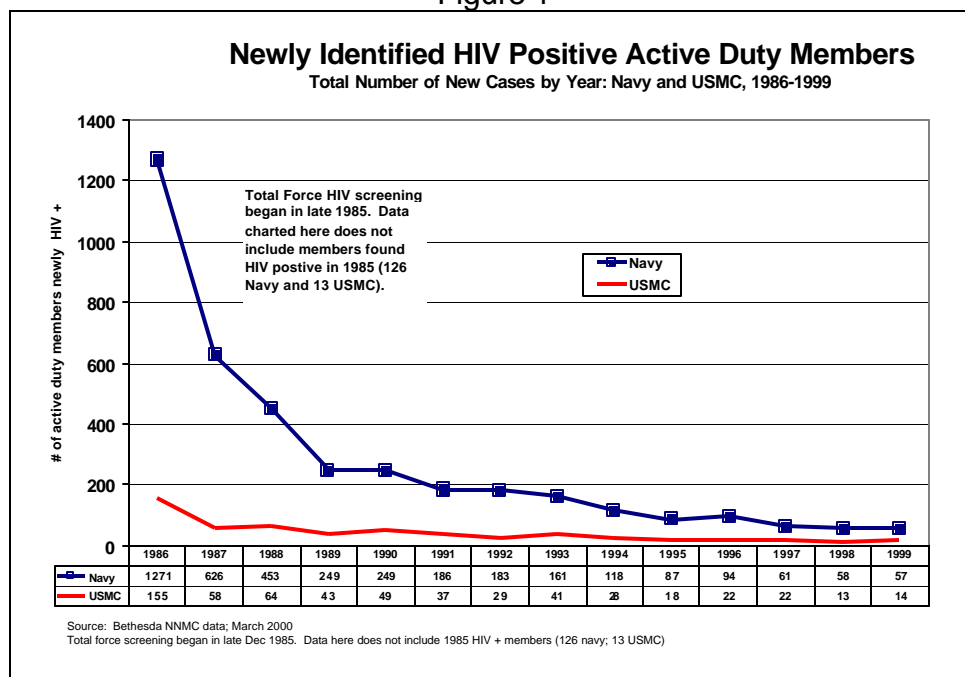


## HIV Among Active Duty Members of the US Navy and US Marine Corps

An article entitled *HIV Among Active Duty Members of the US Navy and US Marine Corps* has been published in the Navy Medical Surveillance Report, Vol 3, No 2, Apr-Jun 2000. This article includes data on the annual incidence of HIV since testing began, data on the number of HIV positive members on active duty by year, and self-reported data on condom use.

**An excerpt:**...Newly identified cases of HIV infection among active duty Sailors and Marines from 1986-1999 are shown in Figure 1. Note that Figure 1 plots newly identified infections, not necessarily newly acquired infections. The distinction is important, particularly in the early two or three years, where the number of positive members is more an indication of pre-existing plus newly acquired HIV infection (prevalence). Predictably, the first few years of testing identified higher numbers of HIV positive members. Since all new accessions into the Navy and U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) are screened for HIV infection (and people who are positive are excluded), the number of HIV infections identified in later years is more an indication of newly acquired infections (annual incidence).

Figure 1



The **complete** article is available from the NEHC Preventive Medicine Directorate on-line at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/prevmed/epi/nmsrpage.htm>